



Yuma County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting April 12, 2012

PRESENT:

Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Group 5
Jeff Denman, citizen at large, Group 4
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Group 1
Manuel Hernandez, City of Yuma Utilities Department, Group 2
Marc Holyfield, Arizona Western College, Group 2
Mark Hutsell, Vice Chair, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Group 2
Don Kilner, representing John Andoh, YCIPTA, Group 2
Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Group 5
Chief Jack McArthur, representing Mayor Al Krieger, Alternate Group 1
Gretchen Robinson, Emergency Management Director, Group 2
Ema Lea Shoop, citizen at large, Group 4

ABSENT:

Chief Gary August, Rural Metro, Group 2
Robert Barocio, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 2
Tim Beeler, MCAS Yuma, Group 2
Chief Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department, Group 2
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Earl Hamilton, MCAS Disaster Preparedness, Group 2
Major Ken Hewett, Arizona Department of Corrections
Shelly Kreger, YMPO, Group 2
Chris Nossaman, Sun Country Restoration, Group 5
Warren Quirk, Excel Group / WORC Center, Group 5
Rick Reyes, Sellers Petroleum, Group 5
Captain Joseph Roerink, AZ Department of Corrections, Group 2
Michelle Smith, Yuma County Public Health District, Group
Captain Mark Stroh, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Sheriff Ralph Ogden, Group 1

A quorum of 11 persons was present with a minimum of 3 groups represented, Group 1, Group 2, Group 4 and Group 5.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Following the video, Chairman Mark Hutsell called the meeting to order at 0910 hours in the Board of Supervisors Auditorium at 198 So. Main Street, Yuma AZ on April 12, 2012.

2. INTRODUCTION:

Members and guests present introduced themselves. Guests present included

Mike Biever, Bureau of Reclamation
Phil Hillesheim, Bureau of Reclamation
Rosario Zavala, Quechan Tribal Police Department
Tony Rivera, Yuma Proving Grounds

3. MINUTES:

Upon motion of Greg Ferguson with second by Chief McArthur, the minutes of the meeting held 8 December 2011 were approved as submitted.

4. TEN MINUTE TRAINING:

Prior to the start of the meeting, a 10 minute DVD entitled "Chemical Properties of Hazardous Materials" was played. All agreed this was a good use of time and requested additional training be provided in like manner.

5. GRANT STATUS:

Gretchen Robinson advised the committee of the HMEP expenditures made:

Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Days sponsorship	500.00
Community outreach (NRC notification cards)	500.00
Total	\$1,000.00

The committee discussed the remaining \$500 balance in the HMEP fund and possible uses included tabletop training, brochures, community outreach information and training for the community.

Gretchen Robinson advised that no word had been received on the application submitted by the Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department in the amount of \$3,142 for the purchase of fire ice gel.

The HMEP grant for 2012-2013 is now open. Gretchen advised that Yuma County's scoring criteria was now high enough for the Yuma County LEPC to participate in the competitive portion of the funding. Chief McArthur discussed the possibility of having the sponsorship of Ammonia Days with its subsequent training be submitted for the competitive portion, leaving the \$1,500 for local outreach.

Gretchen Robinson informed the committee of the State request for local LEPCs to “re-direct” their funding or a portion of their HMEP funding back to the state to fund a hazardous materials commodity study. Perhaps we can ask that the Area Service Highway be studied as this is a new road not covered under the previous study.

6. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

6a: Approval of Renewals

Several memberships were eligible for renewal. Upon motion by Chief McArthur, with second by Ema Lea Shoop, the following memberships were renewed:

1. Chief Gary August, Rural Metro, Group II
2. Robert Barocio, YPG, Group II
3. Manny Hernandez, City of Yuma, Group II
4. Marc Holyfield, AWC, Group II
5. Major Joseph Roerinck, Department of Corrections, Group II

By copy of these minutes, AZSERC will extend the term limit until April 12, 2015 for the five renewals.

6b: Approval of Designated Alternate

No designated alternate requests had been provided.

6c: Introduction of potential member Chief Jeffrey Philpot, Rosario Zavala

Gretchen Robinson advised the Committee that with the reassignment of duties for the Wellton Police Department, Chief Jeffrey Philpot would be making application to the LEPC.

Unfortunately, Chief Philpot was not present and this item was tabled until the June meeting.

Long-time attendee Rosario Zavala, representing the Quechan Police Department, made formal application to the LEPC for membership and was available to address any concerns by the LEPC. Upon motion by Ema Lea Shoop with second by Manny Hernandez, the application for Ms. Zavala was approved. Gretchen will provide it to AZSERC.

6d: Approval of Resignation

There were no resignations submitted.

There was general discussion about how to encourage the media to participate. Gretchen will send another letter to those previously contacted and stated that she had requested assistance from AZSERC to provide an e-mail list of all Tier II reporting facilities. Upon receipt of this list, she will invite them all to participate.

7. New Business

7a: Election of Vice Chairman for 2012

Upon motion of Chief McArthur, with second by Manny Hernandez, Mike Erfert of Yuma Fire Department was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman for the remainder of this year with the intent he will be the Chairman for 2013. Congratulations Mike!

7b: Discussion and possible action regarding local incidents.

No local incidents had been reported.

7c: Stakeholder Training

The Committee agreed that more education was needed in the community, especially as it pertained to the cooling facilities regarding sheltering in place, evacuation, reporting procedures, etc.

7d: LEPC participation in Yuma County Rail Corridor and Logistics Study

Both Ema Lea Shoop and Gretchen Robinson reported they had attended the presentation by YMPO.

8. Old Business

8a: Lower Colorado River Plan

Gretchen Robinson indicated that a draft of the Lower Colorado River Plan had been received; she will make that information available to any LEPC member that would like to make comments.

8b: Type III Incident Management Team

Progress continues, perhaps more information at our next meeting.

8c: Update on the New World data project

Gretchen again reported on the progress being made by Yuma Fire Department locating Tier II information on maps available to first responders.

8d: Household Hazardous Waste collection

Reminder that this Saturday, April 14th is the next household hazardous waste collection.

9. Chair Status Report

Chairman Mark Holyfield stated he will continue to bring 10-minute training to the LEPC and indicated that other training and resources are ready thru him or thru Gretchen's office.

Additional discussion regarding haz mat awareness classes for first responders. More information to follow.

10. *Public Comment on the LEPC Emergency Response Plan*

Gretchen reported she had received no comments from the public regarding the LEPC Emergency Response Plan and no comments were received at the meeting.

11. *Good of the Order/Announcements*

Reminder that exercise planning is in the works for a full scale exercise at the Bureau of Reclamation, July 24, 2012.

12. *Call to the Public*

No one from the public was available to answer the call.

12. *Adjourn*

Upon motion by Ema Lea Shoop with second by Gary Koehn, and with no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1030 hours.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2012 at 0900 hours.

Gretchen Robinson

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